

Electronic Prescription Records System Workgroup

January 8, 2019

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The workgroup discussed key themes for information gathering grid 5A (*exclusion of certain providers and non-CDS data elements to be reported*), which highlighted implications of incomplete patient medication records as well as consideration of potential exemptions to protect patient privacy.
- Providers noted patient safety risks from incomplete data and difficulty in making informed clinical decisions with limited information, particularly due to extensive drug classifications. Deliberations brought to light value of having prescription information on behavioral health drugs due to the complexity of these drugs and potential complications for drug-to-drug interactions.
- Debate about the inclusion of drugs for reproductive health was more nuanced. The workgroup discussed impact on adolescents seeking such drugs, including how this population is more likely to delay or avoid treatment for fear that their confidentiality will not be assured. It was noted that drugs associated with reproductive health tend to be lower risk, and there could potentially be exclusions, such as Title X providers.
- Consumer education about the value of having a complete medication record available to providers at the point of care and the potential need for an opt-out was discussed. In general, there was consensus that an opt-out process should be centralized.
- *Upcoming Meeting: The workgroup will convene again at MHCC offices on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm EST. Please note the inclement weather policy posted on the workgroup [web page](#).*